

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 6-7, 17-18 and 24 have been amended and claims 2-3, 9, 20-22 and 25-26 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 4-8, 10-14, 17-18 and 23-24 are pending and under consideration.

Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites the displaying comprises displaying the minor channel numbers and the major channel number simultaneously and displaying in a format of X, X-1, X-2 . . . X-n, wherein X is the currently selected major channel number, 1, 2 . . . n are minor channel numbers, and n is the highest minor channel number.

Regarding the displaying the minor channel numbers and the major channel number simultaneously, the Examiner states at page 6 of the Office Action (with respect to claim 25) that this feature is shown in Table 2 of Eyer. However, the reference does not teach that the channels listed therein are displayed simultaneously. Instead, the discussion of the table describes the navigation through the channels. Eyer, col. 5, ln. 22-49.

Regarding the displaying in a format of X, X-1, X-2 . . . X-n, the Examiner states at page 6 of the Office Action (with respect to claim 26) that this feature is shown in Table 2 of Eyer. However, Table 2 has no such format. Although Eyer refers to channels "ABC-1, ABC-2" at columns 9 and 10 thereof, there is no teaching that "ABC" is displayed simultaneously with these channels. Thus, the claimed format of "X, X-1" is not taught.

Also, claim 1 recites displaying major channel numbers (i.e., 2) and minor channel numbers (i.e., 2-1, 2-2, 2-3) simultaneously. Eyer states that a television viewer navigates programs that are grouped according to a common service provider by depressing the "channel up" or "channel down" buttons. Referring to the channel group of Eyer, 10 is a visual channel designator of a primary channel, and 111, 112 and 113 are visual channel designators of minor channels corresponding to the major channel, while 2-1, 2-2 and 2-3 are minor channel numbers corresponding to 2, a major channel number. Eyer discloses displaying the whole table on one screen, as opposed to displaying a program of a minor channel corresponding to a major channel selected by a user right after displaying a screen to select a major channel.

The remaining references do not overcome these deficiencies.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

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Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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